

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA** ) **ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**  
TC96-099

On June 19, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Excel Telecommunications, Inc. (Excel) asking the Commission to grant a certificate of authority to provide local exchange resale services within the State of South Dakota. On June 20, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 5, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-5, 49-31-5.1, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-12, 49-31-15, 49-31-17, 49-31-18, and 49-31-21.

Petitions to Intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), June 27, 1996; Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc., July 1, 1996; and U S WEST Communications, Inc., July 3, 1996. At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 9, 1996, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of SDITC, Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc., and U S West Communications, Inc. are hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the Executive Director shall establish a procedural schedule in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 1996.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY ORDER OF THE  
COMMISSION:**

**KENNETH  
STOFFERAHN,  
Chairman**

**JAMES A. BURG,**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner

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Commissioner

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